

thereto at the end of subdivision 4 thereof, 'Providing that in all suits to recover for labor performed or any kind of personal service rendered may, at the option of plaintiff, be brought and maintained where such labor is performed or personal service rendered,' and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:50 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 651, "An Act to amend Article 2234 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the Dallas Criminal District Court, changing said article so that it shall be discretionary with the judge of the Dallas Criminal District Court to empanel a grand jury for said court, instead of it being mandatory: repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:50 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTIETH DAY.

(Saturday, March 17, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Bryant.
Baker.	Burton of Rusk.
Beard of Milam.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beasley.	Butler.
Beason.	Cadenhead.
Bedell.	Canales.
Bertram.	Carlock.
Blackburn.	Clark.
Blackmon.	Cope.
Blalock.	Cox.
Bledsoe.	Davis of Dallas.
Boner.	Davis of Grimes.
Brown.	Davis
Bryan.	of Van Zandt.

De Bogory.
Denton.
Dodd.
Dudley.
Dunnam.
Estes.
Fairchild.
Fitzpatrick.
Florer.
Fly.
Haidusek.
Harris.
Hartman.
Hawkins.
Hill.
Holland.
Hudspeth.
Johnson.
Jones.
Laas.
Lacey.
Laney.
Lange.
Lanier.
Lee.
Lindemann.
Lowe
of McMullen.
Low
of Washington.
McComb.
McDowra.
McFarland.
McMillin.
Meador.
Mendell.
Metcalfe.
Miller of Austin.
Monday.
Morris.
Murrell.
Neeley.
Neill.
Nichols.
O'Banion.
O'Brien.
Osborne.
Parks.
Peddy.
Peyton.
Pillow.

Poage.
Pope.
Reeves.
Richards.
Robertson.
Roemer.
Rogers.
Russell.
Sackett.
Sentell.
Schlesinger.
Schlosshan.
Scholl.
Seawright.
Smith of Bastrop.
Smith of Hopkins.
Smith of Scurry.
Spencer of Wise.
Spradley.
Stewart.
Swope.
Taylor.
Templeton.
Terrell.
Thomas.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Thompson
of Hunt.
Thompson
of Red River.
Tillotson.
Tilson.
Traylor.
Tschoepe.
Valentine.
Veatch.
Wahrmund.
Walker.
White.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williford.
Wilson.
Woods.
Woodul.
Yantis.

Absent.

Bland.	Moore.
Cates.	Nordhaus.
Fisher.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Spencer of Nolan.
Martin.	Tinner.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Upchurch.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, as follows:

O Lord, our Lord, we would come into Thy holy presence this morning with thanksgiving in our hearts and praises on our lips for Thy matchless goodness toward us. Thou art ever bestowing blessings on us. This morning, as we listen to the distinguished American citizen, may we listen with pleasure and profit. As we come to the legislative part of this day, may the legislative enactments give joy and pleasure and profit to the citizens of this empire State. Hear us now; answer us in tender mercy, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Miller of Dallas, for today and next Monday, on motion of Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Beard of Harris, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Davis of Grimes.

Mr. Raiden for yesterday and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas.

Mr. Hardey, for today, on motion of Mr. De Bogory.

Mr. Sallas, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Monday.

Mr. Tinner, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Stewart.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 783, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation to pay debts contracted by the Prison Commission prior to January 7, 1915; making an itemized statement of such debts; making an appropriation to pay the interest which has or may accrue from the dates of maturity of such debts until the same are severally paid, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 782, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to official shorthand reporters' compensation in Bexar county."

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled

"An Act for protection of stock raisers, providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals, to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 488, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending an act creating the Kingsland Independent School District in Llano county by adding thereto certain land in Burnet county."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

RELATING TO PREPARATION OF GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. Peyton offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Under the rules of the House, the general appropriation bills could not be considered during the first sixty days of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; and

Whereas, The Regular Session will adjourn sine die on the 21st day of March, 1917; and

Whereas, It will be economy to have the said general appropriation bills ready to submit to the House at the convening of the First Called Session; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the chairman of said Appropriation Committee be directed to call the committee together in the city of Austin seven (7) days prior to the convening of the Special Session for the purpose of considering and completing said appropriation bills, and that the said committee be allowed \$5 each, per day, for their services.

That the clerk of the Appropriation Committee and a competent stenographer be retained for such time that the said committee may deem it necessary, and that they shall be paid for their services the same salaries as received during the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature. All said salaries to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, on approval of the chairman of the Appropriation Committee.

In the event the chairman can not act, the vice-chairman shall act in his stead.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

REQUESTING REPORTS BY COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Mr. Woods moved that the Committee on Rules be instructed to make reports on the resolutions referred to that committee.

The motion prevailed.

RELATIVE TO FULL READING OF
BILLS.

Mr. Schlosshan offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Any member of this House has the right to demand a full reading of a bill or resolution, and

Whereas, Such full reading is a useless waste of time, unless it is for the purpose of learning the contents of same; therefore, be it

Resolved by this House, That when any member asks for a full reading of any bill or resolution, he be required to take his seat and give attentive hearing to the reading, and when he fails so to do, further reading of such bill or resolution shall be automatically dispensed with.

The resolution was read and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Rules.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

ADDRESS BY HON. W. J. BRYAN.

(In Joint Session.)

At the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., the Honorable Senate were announced at the bar of the House, and by direction of the Speaker were admitted.

Escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, M. F. Hornbuckle, the Secretary of the Senate, John D. McCall, and the Journal Clerk of the Senate, T. H. Yarbrough, the Senators advanced into the Hall, and by direction of the Speaker of the House, occupied seats already prepared for them along the aisle.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, accompanied by Senators Floyd, McNealus and Lattimore, Messrs. Cope, Monday, Butler and Terrell, members of the joint committee to arrange for his reception, Governor Jas. E. Ferguson, Speaker F. O. Fuller and President Pro Tempore Henderson, was admitted into the Hall of the House, and was conducted to the Speaker's stand, where he and those accompanying him were invited to seats.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, being presented by Speaker Fuller, then addressed the joint session and the assemblage.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the House, at 12:15 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILL NO. 328 ON PASSAGE
TO A THIRD READING.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit railroad corporations, by and with permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to change, re-locate or abandon any portion of its line when without the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, and to change, re-locate or abandon any part of its line within the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the city council or board of aldermen of such city, town or village, and providing for the exercise of the right of eminent domain to acquire right of way and depot grounds when lines are changed or re-located, and validating such changes, relocations or abandonments, when heretofore made with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Question—Shall the bill be passed to a third reading?

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the bill was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—60.

Bagby.	Hudspeth.
Blackburn.	Jones.
Blackmon.	Laas.
Blalock.	Lacey.
Bledsoe.	Laney.
Bryan.	Lange.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lanier.
Canales.	Lowe.
Carlock.	of McMullen.
Cox.	Low.
Davis of Dallas.	of Washington.
Denton.	McComb.
Dudley.	McFarland.
Estes.	Mendell.
Fisher.	Metcalfe.
Fly.	Miller of Austin.
Haidusek.	Monday.
Harris.	Morris.
Hartman.	Murrell.
Hawkins.	Nichols.
Hill.	Nordhaus.
Holland.	Parks.

Pope.	Thompson
Roemer.	of Red River.
Schlosshan.	Tillotson.
Scholl.	Tschoepe.
Sholars.	Valentine.
Smith of Scurry.	Williams
Spencer of Nolan.	of Brazoria.
Spradley.	Williams
Taylor.	of McLennan.
Thomason	Woodul.
of El Paso.	Yantis.

Nays—47.

Baker.	Osborne.
Beard of Milam.	Peddy.
Bedell.	Peyton.
Bertram.	Poage.
Bryant.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Richards.
Butler.	Robertson.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cope.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis	Spencer of Wise.
of Van Zandt.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Swope.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McMillin.	Trayler.
Meador.	Veatch.
Neeley.	Williford.
Neill.	Wilson.
O'Banion.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Pillow.

Absent.

Beason.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Rogers.
Brown.	Sackett.
Cates.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
De Bogory.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Lindemann.	Tinner.
Martin.	Walker.
Moore.	White.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Raiden.
Bell.	Sallas.
Crudgington.	Strayhorn.
Hardey.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	

Paired.

Mr. Boner (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Beasley (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Wahrmond (absent), who would vote "yea."

Reason for Not Voting.

I desire to be marked present and not voting for the following reason:

I feel that I am a friend of every man in this house, and I am neither friend nor foe to this bill. I have offered an amendment to this bill that relieves a local situation at Galveston; therefore I do not vote.

PILLOW.

Mr. Bagby moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, or any other common carrier, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its, or their own use any article of freight received by it, or them, for transportation and delivery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee of such article; providing that the terms of this act are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 460, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in all incorporated cities and towns of this State having a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last United States census, and which maintain a regular police department, the patrolmen thereof, or those performing duties ordinarily performed by patrolmen shall be required to serve on actual duty as patrolmen not longer than eight hours in every twenty-four hours; providing that in case of riot or other emergency such patrolmen shall perform such duty and for such time as the directing authority of the department shall require, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the special laws passed at the Regular Session of

the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$4000 per annum, and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing their duties of road commissioner and defray the expenses of upkeep of same."

H. B. No. 789, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School District No. 10 in Dickens county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 823, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Rosenberg Independent School District of Fort Bend county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 826, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Pandora Independent School District in Wilson county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 475 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 475, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Girard Independent School District in Kent county, Texas, out of the territory known as the Girard Common School District No. 13 in said county, defining its boundaries and providing for the election of trustees therefor and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 473 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 473, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Tahoka Independent School District in Lynn county, Texas, out of the territory known as Tahoka Common School District No. 2 in said county, defining its boundaries and providing for the election of a board of trustees therefor and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and col-

lect special taxes, conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers, providing authority to issue bonds for the purposes of purchasing school building sites, and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the said district, to levy taxes therefor, and to pay current expenses for the support and maintenance of said schools, providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and further prescribing the duty and authority of said board of trustees, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore levied, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 843 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 843, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 115, page 446, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Zavala county or any political subdivision or other defined district to issue bonds, etc.,' by adding Section 15a thereto, providing for a salary and per diem for the members of the commissioners court of said county, while acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 423 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 423, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Kerr county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 485 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 485, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2444 of the Revised Civil Statutes, so as to provide for a depository for money collected as taxes for the State, counties and the various districts, and other municipal subdivisions thereof, requiring tax collectors to deposit taxes in such depository; fixing penalty for failure to so deposit such taxes; relieving the tax collector and his sureties from liability, and defining 'county funds.'"

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 489 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 489, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Mercedes Independent School District in Hidalgo county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 478 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Phelps Independent School District in Walker county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 168 ON SECOND
READING.

On motion of Mr. Cope, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize fraternal benefit societies to issue certificates to their members in which eleemosynary, religious or educational societies, associations or corporations may be named as beneficiaries, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 184 ON SECOND
READING.

The regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7491, Chapter 10, Title 120 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to authorize the Comptroller to appoint and contract with persons to collect inheritance taxes, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 184 by striking out all of Article 7491 as amended and set out in said bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Article 7491. It shall be the duty of the county attorney to inquire into and report to the judge of the county court all estates subject to taxation within his county under the provisions of this chapter, whether the property subject to such taxation passes by will, by the laws of descent or otherwise.

For each decedent's estate thus reported, and as compensation for such inquiry and report, the county attorney shall be entitled to receive a compensation of ten per cent upon the amount of the tax payable, but not to exceed twenty dollars, in any one estate, and this compensation shall be in addition to the fees of office provided by the officer's fee bill in force in this State. Payment of such amount to him shall be made by the collector of taxes, on the certificate of the judge of the county court to the fact of such inquiry and report made to him, out of the taxes paid to such tax collector on the property belonging to such estate.

If within three months after the death of any person leaving an estate subject to taxation within this State under the provisions of this chapter no application for letters testamentary or of administration shall be made, it shall be the duty of the county court on application made by the county attorney in the county having jurisdiction of such estate, to appoint an administrator on such estate, for the specific purpose of this act and whose duties shall be limited to the steps necessary to enforce the collection of such tax.

If the executor, administrator or other person whose duty it is to pay the tax provided for in this chapter shall fail or refuse to pay such tax within

the time provided in this chapter, then it shall be the duty of the county attorney, upon an order from the judge of the county court, entered either in term time or in vacation, to bring an action in the court of proper jurisdiction against such executor, administrator or other person liable therefor, for the recovery of the tax provided in this chapter, and as compensation for his services in this behalf he shall be entitled to receive out of the amount of tax that shall finally be adjudged payable and be paid, a commission of five per cent upon the first one thousand dollars or less, so recovered and paid, and a commission of two per cent on any sum in excess of one thousand dollars, and this compensation shall be in addition to the compensation allowed him by the officers' fee bill now in force in this State.

It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of this State, through reliable and expert accountants employed in his department, to make from time to time as may be considered necessary, careful and thorough investigation in each county of the State, by examination of the probate records, tax records and otherwise, that he may discover what estates, if any, liable to the payment of this tax, have escaped such taxation or have failed or refused to pay same. Complete records of such investigations shall be made in written and detailed reports to the Comptroller's Department and also to the county judge of the county wherein such estate is being administered or is situated, not being thus administered.

If such inquiry should develop the fact that any estate has thus escaped taxation and the payment of its proper tax during a time less than five years prior to such examination, after such report shall have been made to the county judge, it shall be his duty to instruct the county attorney to proceed to enforce the collection of such tax by the proper procedure. But in such instances the county attorney shall not also receive the compensation provided above for reporting such estate, but may receive the compensation provided herein for collecting said tax. Such assistance shall be rendered by the Comptroller's Department in such suits to enforce collection as may be within the power of his department.

(Mr. Spencer of Wise in the chair.)

Mr. Boner moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 184 by striking out the words and figures "fifteen (15) per cent," line 21, page 1, and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "five (5) per cent."

Mr. Boner moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table prevailed.

Question recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—92.

Baker.	Neill.
Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Beasley.	Nordhaus.
Bedell.	O'Banion.
Boner.	Osborne.
Bryan.	Parks.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Reeves.
Carlock.	Robertson.
Clark.	Roemer.
Cox.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Russell.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Schlesinger.
De Bogory.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Seawright.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fisher.	Stewart.
Fitzpatrick.	Taylor.
Florer.	Templeton.
Fly.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Thomas.
Harris.	Thomason
Hartman.	of El Paso.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Jones.	of Hunt.
Lacey.	Thompson
Laney.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Tillotson.
Lee.	Tilson.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Valentine.
Low	Veatch.
of Washington.	Walker.
McDowra.	White.
McFarland.	Williams
Martin.	of Brazoria.
Meador.	Williams
Mendell.	of McLennan.
Metcalf.	Williford.
Miller of Austin.	Wilson.
Monday.	Woodul.
Morris.	Yantis.
Neeley.	

Nays—13.

Bertram.	McMillin.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Butler.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cope.	Spradley.
Dunnam.	Swope.
Laas.	Woods.
McComb.	

Present—Not Voting.

Brown.	Spencer of Wise.
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Absent.

Bagby.	Lange.
Beard of Harris.	Lindemann.
Beason.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Moore.
Blalock.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Peyton.
Bledsoe.	Pope.
Bryant.	Richards.
Cates.	Sholars.
Denton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Tinner.
Hardey.	Traylor.
Holland.	Wahrmund.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	Sallas.
Crudgington.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
Raiden.	

Mr. Thompson of Red River moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 783 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Poage called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments.

H. B. No. 783, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation to pay debts contracted by the Prison Commission prior to January 7, 1915; making an itemized statement of such debts; making an appropriation to pay the interest which has or may accrue from the dates of maturity of such debts until the same are severally paid, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Poage, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 490, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of an act passed by the present session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and approved on the — day of March, 1917, pertaining to the development of minerals in the public free school lands and waters, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5621, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to liens of mechanics, contractors, builders and materialmen."

The Senate requests the return of House bill No. 785 for correction of endorsement.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 208 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 208, A bill to be entitled "An Act forbidding the transaction of business in Texas under an assumed name other than the real name, or names of the individuals conducting such business, unless such individuals file in the office of the clerk of the county where such business is so conducted a certificate containing the names and addresses of such persons; providing for the keeping of special record of such certificates by the county clerks of the State; providing for a filing fee to be paid the county clerk for filing such certificate; making it a misdemeanor not to comply with the provisions of this act, and fixing a penalty for such failure."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 208 by striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. Woods moved that the bill be

committed to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

On motion of Mr. Canales, the motion to commit was tabled.

Mr. Canales moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

S. B. No. 208 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—83.

Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Beasley.	Nordhaus.
Beason.	O'Banion.
Bedell.	Osborne.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Blalock.	Peddy.
Bledsoe.	Pillow.
Boner.	Poage.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Richards.
Burton of Tarrant.	Robertson.
Butler.	Roemer.
Cadenhead.	Rogers.
Canales.	Sentell.
Carlock.	Schlesinger.
Clark.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Davis	Sholars.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Hopkins.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Dodd.	Spencer of Nolan.
Dudley.	Stewart.
Estes.	Swope.
Fairchild.	Taylor.
Florer.	Templeton.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Thomas.
Harris.	Thomason
Hartman.	of El Paso.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Holland.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Jones.	of Hunt.
Lacey.	Tillotson.
Laney.	Tschoepe.
Lange.	Valentine.
Lowe	Veatch.
of McMullen.	Walker.
Martin.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Mendell.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Austin	Williford.
Murrell.	Woodul.
Neill.	Yantis.

Nays—25.

Bagby.

Baker.

Bertram.	McComb.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Bland.	McMillin.
Brown.	Peyton.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Spencer of Wise.
Dunnam.	Spradley.
Fisher.	Tilson.
Fitzpatrick.	Trayler.
Laas.	Wilson.
Lanier.	Woods.
Lee.	

Absent.

Bryant.	Moore.
Cates.	Morris.
Davis of Grimes.	Neeley.
Denton.	O'Brien.
Fly.	Pope.
Hill.	Sackett.
Johnson.	Seawright.
Lindemann.	Smith of Bastrop.
Low	Thompson
of Washington.	of Red River.
McFarland.	Tinner.
Metcalfe.	Wahrmund.
Miller of Dallas.	Williams
Monday.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Raiden.
Bell.	Sallas.
Crudgington.	Strayhorn.
Hardey.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	

Mr. Laney moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 95, "An Act to amend Article 3837 of the Revised Statutes of 1911 so as to provide that the permit fees for corporations payable to the Secretary of State under the provisions of Article 3837, Chapter 1, Title 58, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas shall be based upon the capital stock of corporations, domestic and foreign, etc."

S. B. No. 94, "An Act to amend Article 7394 of the Revised Statutes of 1911 so as to provide that the franchise tax on foreign corporations therein levied shall be based upon the proportion of the total issue and outstanding capital stock of such corporation as the gross receipts of such corporation from its intrastate

business in Texas bears to its total gross receipts."

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 700, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Docum and Miller Common County Line School District, containing territory in Erath and Comanche counties, Texas, including the territory of the school districts known as Miller and Docum Common School Districts of Comanche and Erath counties, respectively; placing said common county line school district under the jurisdiction of Comanche county, to be known as Common School District No. 110 of said county; a board of trustees therefor; vesting said district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed on common school districts and boards of trustees thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 710, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the present Runnels county special road law in raising the salaries of the commissioners in said county, so that they may receive \$540 for their services for any one year, and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 501, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of permanent building and equipment of same for the use of the Texas State Quarantine Service at Sabine, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt from taxation all buffalo and cattle now in captivity in Texas, by whomsoever owned, where such animals are kept and used for experimental purposes in crossing same with cattle for the purpose of producing a better strain of beef, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of State Commissioner of Education, prescribing the manner of his election, defining his term of office, fixing his salary, prescribing his

duties, providing for substitute of title of 'State Commissioner of Education' for 'State Superintendent of Public Instruction,' and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

S. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the county of Chambers in rebuilding roads and bridges within said county, which were destroyed by a flood and storm in said county on August 16, 1915, by donating and granting to it, the said county of Chambers, the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes collected on property and from persons in Chambers county for a period of ten years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

S. J. R. No. 2, Proposing an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a provision barring the right to bring suit for the collection of delinquent taxes after four years from the date of such delinquency.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

RETURNING HOUSE BILL NO. 785 TO THE SENATE.

Mr. Woods moved to grant the request of the Senate for the return of House bill No. 785 for correction.

The motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 228 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Clark called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 228, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a State School of Correspondence at Austin, Texas; to provide for all courses of study by correspondence that supply the needs of Texas people; to provide for the appointment of an executive board for same, and prescribe their duties; to provide for the appointment of members of the faculty, prescribe their duties, and provide for the salaries of the members of said faculty."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Clark moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. Laney moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a free conference committee

be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

Question first recurring on the motion of Mr. Laney, it prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following conference committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Thompson of Red River, Harris, Cox, Bland and Jones.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Metcalfe called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of stock raisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals; to make an appropriation therefor; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Metcalfe moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

Mr. O'Banion moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a free conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

Question first recurring on the motion of Mr. O'Banion, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the motion to concur, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—69.

Bagby.	Fitzpatrick.
Baker.	Florer.
Beard of Milam.	Fly.
Beasley.	Haidusek.
Beason.	Harris.
Blackburn.	Hartman.
Blackmon.	Hill.
Bland.	Hudspeth.
Bledsoe.	Jones.
Boner.	Laas.
Bryan.	Laney.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lanier.
Canales.	Lowe
Carlock.	of McMullen.
Cope.	McComb.
Denton.	McFarland.
Dudley.	Martin.
Fairchild.	Mendell.
Fisher.	Metcalfe.

Miller of Austin.	Swope.
Nichols.	Taylor.
Nordhaus.	Thomas.
Osborne.	Thomason
Parks.	of El Paso.
Pillow.	Thomason
Poage.	of Nacogdoches.
Reeves.	Tillotson.
Robertson.	Tilson.
Roemer.	Tschoepe.
Russell.	Valentine.
Sackett.	White.
Schlesinger.	Williams
Schlosshan.	of Brazoria.
Scholl.	Wilson.
Smith of Scurry.	Woodul.
Spencer of Nolan.	Yantis.
Spradley.	

Nays—31.

Bedell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Peddy.
Blalock.	Peyton.
Brown.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Cox.	Seawright
Davis of Dallas.	Sholars.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Dunnam.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Hunt.
Lee.	Traylor.
Meador.	Veatch.
Murrell.	Williford.
Neill.	

Absent.

Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Rusk.	Moore.
Butler.	Morris.
Cates.	Neeley.
Clark.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Pope.
De Bogory.	Richards.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Holland.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Red River.
Lange.	Tinner.
Lindemann.	Wahrmund.
Low	Walker.
of Washington.	Williams
McDowra.	of McLennan.
McMillin	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Upchurch.

Mr. Bryan moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in

the Senate amendments, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 849 ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to Committee on Appropriations:

By Mr. Mendell, Mr. Bagby, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Spencer of Wise and Mr. Robertson:

H. B. No. 849, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation of the necessary money to restore the roof and to repair the damage to what is known as the Old Hospital Building at the Confederate Home in Austin, etc., and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 490, to Committee on Mines and Mining.

S. B. No. 285, to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

S. B. No. 488, to Committee on Education.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, it was ordered that House bill No. 849 be not printed.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 453.

Mr. Bledsoe moved that the regular order of business be suspended to take up,

S. B. No. 453, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of the Railroad Commissioners of this State."

The motion to suspend was lost.

SENATE BILL NO. 416 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 416, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the Garrison Independent School District in Nacogdoches county

in the rebuilding and refurnishing permanent public school buildings destroyed by fire November 17, 1916, by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and indebtedness of the Garrison Independent School District for a period of five years, and providing for the manner of collecting, disbursing and receipting for said money, and providing for a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 449.

Mr. Burton of Tarrant moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Arlington, Tarrant county, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College to be known as the Grubbs Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

SENATE BILL NO. 397 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. McFarland, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal college, to be located at Alpine, in Brewster county, Texas; to be known as the 'Alpine State Normal College,' and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. McFarland offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 397 as follows: Amend the caption in line 9 by striking out words "Alpine State" and inserting words "Sul Ross."

Amend Section 1, lines 13 and 14, by striking out the words "Southwest Texas State" and inserting words "Sul Ross."

Amend Section 1, line 28, by striking out the word "college" and inserting the words "school board."

Amend Section 3, line 21, by striking out the words "East Texas" and inserting words "Sul Ross."

Amend Section 5, line 8, by striking out the words "State normal schools" and adding words "Sul Ross Normal College."

Amend Section 6, line 19, by striking out words "Southwest Texas State" and inserting the words "Sul Ross."

Amend Section 6, line 25, by striking out the words "East Texas State" and inserting therein the words "Sul Ross."

Amend Section 6, line 31, by striking out the words "Alpine State" and inserting the words "Sul Ross."

Amend committee report, line 18, by striking out words "Alpine State" and inserting words "Sul Ross."

Amend committee amendment, lines 23 and 24 by striking out words "caption and"; amend line 24 by adding after the words "Sul Ross" except in Section 1, line 12, which designates the location.

The (committee) amendments were adopted.

Mr. O'Banion offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 397, page 1. Section 1, line 25, by striking out the word and letters "fifty (50)" and substituting therefor the following: "One hundred (100)."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hawkins offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 397, page 1, line 12, by striking out lines 12 to 18, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That there shall be established a normal school to be known as the 'Sul Ross Normal College,' located west of the 99th meridian and south of the 33rd parallel, said location to be selected by a committee composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and State Superintendent of Public Instruction."

The amendment was lost.

Question recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 397 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—64.

Mr. Speaker.	Davis of Grimes.
Bagby.	Davis
Beard of Milam.	of Van Zandt.
Beason.	De Bogory.
Blackburn.	Denton.
Blackmon.	Dodd.
Bledsoe.	Dudley.
Boner.	Fisher.
Brown.	Greenwood.
Bryan.	Haidusek.
Burton of Tarrant.	Harris.
Butler.	Hartman.
Canales.	Hill.
Clark.	Hudspeth.

Jones.	Smith of Scurry.
Laas.	Spradley.
Lange.	Swope.
Lee.	Thomason
Lowe	of El Paso.
of McMullen.	Thomason
Low	of Nacogdoches.
of Washington.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McFarland.	Thompson
Martin.	of Red River.
Mendell.	Tillotson.
Metcalfe.	Tschoepe.
Monday.	Valentine.
Nordhaus.	Walker.
Parks.	White.
Pillow.	Williams
Poage.	of Brazoria.
Reeves.	Williams
Roemer.	of McLennan.
Sackett.	Woodul.
Schlesinger.	Yantis.
Scholl.	

Nays—37.

Baker.	O'Banion.
Beasley.	Peddy.
Bedell.	Peyton.
Bertram.	Richards.
Cadenhead.	Robertson.
Cope.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Wise.
Fly.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Taylor.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Traylor.
McComb.	Veatch.
McMillin.	Williford.
Meador.	Wilson.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neeley.	

Present—Not Voting.

Burton of Rusk.	Templeton.
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Absent.

Bland.	Neill.
Bryant.	Nichols.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Cates.	Osborne.
Cox.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Russell.
Florer.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Sholars.
Holland.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laney.	Terrell.
Lindemann.	Thomas.
Miller of Austin.	Tinner.
Moore.	Wahrmund.
Morris.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Crudgington.
Bell.	McCoy.

Raiden.
Sallas.

Strayhorn.
Upchurch.

Paired.

Mr. Blalock (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Miller of Dallas (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 167, "An Act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 343, "An Act to amend Articles 7282, 7283, 7294, 7285, 7286, 7287 and 7289, of Chapter 7, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the protection of stock raisers in certain localities, and declaring an emergency."

S. J. R. No. 3, Proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy of a special tax of not exceeding seventy-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation and a vehicle tax of not exceeding one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for the improvement and maintenance of public roads.

S. B. No. 440, "An Act creating the San Diego Independent County Line School District in Duval county, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 354, "An Act creating a special road system for Callahan county, making the county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners, etc., and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 149 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Williams of McLennan called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 126, Chapter 1, Article 7355, Section 9, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, on the question of taxation."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 701 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 701, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 124 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its Regular Session and entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 7608, 7610 and 7618 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to taxation, providing for a maximum bond of tax collectors, fixing the time for filing by tax collectors of their report, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,' providing for reduction in the amount of the bonds required under provisions of said Articles 7608 and 7610, and further providing that the premiums on such bonds may be paid by the county of which the principal therein is the tax collector, out of the general revenues of the county, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 785, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Wilson county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Wilson county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 465, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase

of a site for, and for the establishment, location, and construction of, an asylum to be known as the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum for the care, treatment and support of white insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 628 and 632 of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas (1911 compilation), said Chapter being Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 467, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate out of the general revenue not heretofore appropriated the sum of twenty-one thousand eight hundred thirty-two and eighty hundredths dollars (\$21,832.80), or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas, in carrying out the provisions of C. S. B. No. 108, providing for the tick and sheep scab eradication for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1974, Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, relating to special instructions by the court," with amendments.

H. B. No. 365, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit S. S. Perry of Brazoria county, Texas, to bring suit against the State of Texas for an alleged damage growing out of an alleged breach of contract entered into by and between the said S. S. Perry and the Board of Prison Commissioners, September 20, 1911."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 186 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Pillow, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 186, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 26, of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, State of Texas, more clearly defining some of the duties of the Attorney General, district and county at-

torneys of this State, and imposing other and additional duties upon such officers, and prohibiting the Attorney General from giving counsel and advice; except to certain public officers named, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 291.

Mr. Woodul moved that the regular order of business be suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6756, 6762 and 6763, Title 116, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation and allowances of the ranger force, and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 167.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 752 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Cope, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 752, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all sales of public free school land, University land and asylum land which were made after forfeiture for non-payment of interest but prior to entry of such forfeiture on the account kept with the purchaser and all sales of said land which were made upon applications filed prior to the cancellation of a former sale for the failure of the owner to reside on the land, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 300.

Mr. Bryan moved that the regular order of business be suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the operation of motion picture shows, theatres and places of amusement where motion picture exhibits are given; providing rules and specifications for the construction of booths and the installation of motion picture machines and other devices incident to motion picture shows, and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Sentell, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading.

H. J. R. No. 29, Proposing to amend Sections 2, 24 and 26, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, reducing the number of Representatives, fixing their compensation, and prescribing a basis of apportionment.

The Speaker laid the resolution before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Sentell offered the following amendments to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 29 by substituting for Section 24 the following:

Section 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury as compensation for their services seven dollars and fifty cents per day for the time the Legislature may be in session at its Regular Session, which Regular Session shall not exceed one hundred and fifty days, and the same per diem for any called sessions. In addition to the per diem the members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed actual railroad fare by the most direct route of railroad travel, said per diem and mileage to be paid at such times and in such manner as may be provided by law.

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 29, page 2, Section 2, by adding at the conclusion thereof, the following:

If this amendment be adopted, the Legislature shall at its next Regular Session thereafter redistrict the State into Representative Districts and enact such

other laws as are necessary to make these constitutional amendments effective.

The amendments were adopted.

Mr. Martin offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by adding the words "stamps, newspapers and postage and telephoning and telegraphing."

On motion of Mr. Terrell, the amendment was tabled.

House Joint Resolution No. 29 was then passed to engrossment.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL NO. 126.

Mr. Terrell moved that the regular order of business be suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 126, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all persons, corporations and receivers engaged in constructing, operating and maintaining railroads in this State to give notice to its employees working in its shops and round-houses, before reducing the force of said employees."

The motion to suspend was lost.

SENATE BILL NO. 356 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Butler, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 356, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in event any owner of real estate is dissatisfied with the valuation placed thereon by the board of equalization of any county, municipality, school district or any taxing district, such owner may, if he so desire, offer such property for sale at such price as he may determine is the true market value thereof; that such offer for sale shall be by publication, and providing the manner and length of time of such publication or advertisement; that where more than one tract is contained in such advertisement each tract shall be priced to sell separately; providing that should no sale be made or bona fide offer of purchase be made at the price mentioned in the advertisement within the period advertised, the owner may file with the board of equalization his affidavit setting forth the advertisement and whether a sale of such property has been made or he has received a bona fide offer of purchase at the price advertised; prescribing the form of such affidavit; providing that the board may in its discretion hear

evidence upon the affidavit, and if not controverted it shall be spread upon the minutes; that where there should be a sale at the price offered in such advertisement, or in event no bona fide offer of purchase, then the price of sale, or the price contained in such advertisement in event of no bona fide offer of purchase shall be accepted by such board and so entered on the minutes and lists before such board as the value of such property; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; making it a felony for any person to make a false affidavit hereunder or make a pretended transfer of real estate for the purpose of obtaining the benefits hereof, and prescribing the penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 356 by adding to the end of Section 1 the following: "Provided, that this act shall not apply to cities of over 50,000 population chartered by special law where provision is made in such charters for appeals from the decisions of the boards of equalization fixing the value of real estate for taxation purposes, and giving to parties aggrieved by such decision the right of appeal therefrom."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fairchild moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

Question—Shall the motion to reconsider prevail?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate does not concur in the House amendments to S. B. No. 247, and requests a Free Conference Committee. The following members have been elected on the part of the Senate:

Senators Hudspeth, Caldwell, Dayton, Clark and Woodward.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first

time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 467, to the Committee on Appropriations.

S. B. No. 370, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. J. R. No. 2, to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

S. B. No. 326, to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 163, to the Committee on Education.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Monday, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 370 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Denton, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 467 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Milam, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 490 be not printed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 844 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 844, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-eighth and Sixty-third Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; and prescribe the time, and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of said judicial districts; and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed; to validate process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 801 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 801, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, and as amended by Senate bill No. 195, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 472 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 472, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of 1913, providing for more efficient road laws for Bexar county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Sackett offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Strike out of Section 25, pages 11 and 12, beginning on line 32, page 11, after the word "office" all the remainder of said section, which reads as follows: "Provided that the county judge shall receive an ex-officio compensation of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) to be fixed by the court, and shall receive no per diem, but the provisions of this section shall not in any way effect or diminish the fees of office now received and paid the county judge under the statutes of this State."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 472 was then passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. O'Banion called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1074, Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, relating to special instructions by the court."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. O'Banion, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, the House, at 6:10 o'clock p. m., took recess to 8 o'clock p. m. today.

NIGHT SESSION.

The House met at 8 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by Mr. Pope.

COMPLIMENTING HON. W. S. BELL.

Mr. Poage offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. W. S. Bell, a distinguished member of this Legislature and an honored citizen of Texas, has added to the prestige of the State by devoting years of his life to the development of the live stock industry of the great western portion of the State, and

Whereas, Entries made by him in the hog department at the National Feeders' and Breeders' show at Fort Worth, one of the most important expositions in the United States, received sweepstakes prizes over entries from all parts of the country, and

Whereas, Hogs bred by Mr. Bell received the highest prices ever paid in the history of the great Fort Worth hog market, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Thirty-fifth Legislature compliment Mr. Bell upon the merit of his work in the development of the hog industry, and be it

Resolved, That we commend the spirit which has prompted him to all the citizens of Texas and believe that citizenship of the kind Mr. Bell displays is of the highest character, and be it further

Resolved, That the entire Legislature feel honored mutually with Mr. Bell in the distinction given him at the Fort Worth National Feeders' and Breeders' show.

Signed—Poage, Bledsoe, McFarland, Metcalfe, Fly, Bryan and Dudley.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 356 ON PASSAGE TO A THIRD READING.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 356, relating to equalization of taxes in cities and towns, with motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment by Mr. Carlock was adopted pending.

Question recurring on the motion to reconsider, it prevailed.

Mr. Pillow offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out the figures "50,000" where they appear in the amendment and inserting the figures "30,000."

Mr. Richards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 356 by striking out enacting clause.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment, striking out the enacting clause of the bill, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Baker.	Murrell.
Beard of Milam.	Neeley.
Beason.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nichols.
Blalock.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	Parks.
Bledsoe.	Peyton.
Brown.	Pillow.
Bryant.	Poage.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Canales.	Richards.
Carlock.	Robertson.
Clark.	Roemer.
Cox.	Russell.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
De Bogory.	Sentell.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Fitzpatrick.	Schlosshan.
Florer.	Seawright.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Harris.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Spradley.
Hill.	Stewart.
Holland.	Taylor.
Laas.	Thompson.
Lacey.	of Hunt.
Lanier.	Tillotson.
Lee.	Tilson.
Low.	Trayler.
of Washington.	Valentine.
McComb.	Veatch.
McFarland.	White.
McMillin.	Williford.
Martin.	Woods.
Mendell.	Yantis.
Miller of Austin.	

Nays—23.

Mr. Speaker.	Laney.
Beasley.	Metcalfe.
Bedell.	Monday.
Blackmon.	Pope.
Boner.	Swope.
Burton of Rusk.	Templeton.
Butler.	Thomason.
Cope.	of Nacogdoches.
Davis of Dallas.	Thompson.
Dodd.	of Red River.
Fairchild.	Wilson.
Fisher.	Woodul.
Fly.	

Present—Not Voting.

Davis of Van Zandt.

Absent.

Bagby, Blackburn.

Bryan.	Osborne.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Cates.	Rogers.
Denton.	Scholl.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Wise.
Hudspeth.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thomason.
Lange.	of El Paso.
Lindemann.	Tinner.
Lowe.	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
McDowra.	Walker.
Meador.	Williams.
Moore.	of Brazoria.
Morris.	Williams.
O'Banion.	of McLennan.
O'Brien.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Upchurch.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 183.

Mr. Canales called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the request of the Senate for a free conference committee on Senate bill No. 183.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

Question—Shall the request be granted?

Mr. Canales moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following free conference committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Canales, Terrell, Valentine, Butler and Lee.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Beason, S. B. No. 326 was withdrawn from the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries and re-referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

SENATE BILL NO. 265 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Peyton, the regular order of business was suspended, to take

up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 205, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit B. A. Eastham to sue the State of Texas and the Prison Commission of the State of Texas in the district court of Walker county, Texas, for damages for the breaches, if any, and the failure, if any, to perform the duties and obligations, if any, arising out of the contract made on or about the 12th day of January, A. D. 1910, between the said B. A. Eastham of the one side and J. A. Herring as superintendent, and A. M. Barton as financial agent, of the Texas State penitentiaries, of the other side."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Woods offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 205 in caption, by striking out the word "Walker" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Travis," thereby establishing the venue of said suit in Travis county instead of Walker county.

Amend Senate bill No. 205, in line 4, Section 1, by striking out the word "Walker" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Travis," thereby establishing the venue of said suit in Travis county instead of Walker county.

The (committee) amendments were adopted.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 205 by adding after the word "adjudged," line 23, page 2, the words, "and if said judgment shall be affirmed by the Court of Civil Appeals and the Supreme Court in favor of plaintiff."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 205 was then passed to a third reading.

Mr. Woods moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

SENATE BILL NO. 257 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Florer, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5597 of Chapter 1, Title 84, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911 so as to make

privileged, without proof of actual malice, fair, true and impartial accounts of all executive and legislative proceedings, including all reports and proceedings in or before legislative committees, boards of managers of public educational and eleemosynary institutions, city councils and other governing bodies of cities or towns, commissioners courts and boards of trustees of public schools."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 258 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Boner, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the venue of suits for damages for libel and slander."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 259 ON SECOND READING.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5598 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, Title 84, Chapter 1, by providing that nothing in said title shall be construed to take away any now or heretofore existing defense to a civil action for libel, and preserving all such defenses."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Florer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 360 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Blalock moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Board of Health; providing for an adequate system for the

registration of births and deaths in the State of Texas; providing penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of this act, making appropriation for the efficient enforcement of the same, and declaring an emergency."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to suspend prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Bagby.	Meador.
Beasley.	Mendell.
Beason.	Metcalf.
Bedell.	Miller of Austin.
Blackmon.	Monday.
Blalock.	Neeley.
Bland.	Neill.
Bledsoe.	Nichols.
Boner.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	Parks.
Bryant.	Peyton.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Canales.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Sentell.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fisher.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fitzpatrick.	Spradley.
Florer.	Swope.
Fly.	Templeton.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Hartman.	of Nacogdoches.
Hill.	Thompson
Laas.	of Hunt.
Laney.	Thompson
Lange.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Tillotson.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Walker.
McComb.	Wilson.
McFarland.	Woodul.
McMillin.	Yantis.
Martin.	

Nays—23.

Baker.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Russell.
Butler.	Schlosshan.
Cadenhead.	Seawright.
Clark.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cope.	Stewart.
Cox.	Tilson.
Dodd.	Trayler.
Harris.	Veatch.
Lee.	Williford.
Murrell.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Bertram.
Beard of Milam.	Carlock.

Absent.

Blackburn.	Osborne.
Bryan.	Peddy.
Cates.	Rogers.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Scholl.
Estes.	Sholars.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holland.	Spencer of Wise.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Johnson.	Thomas.
Jones.	Thomason
Lacey.	of El Paso.
Lindemann.	Tinner.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
McDowra.	White.
Moore.	Williams
Morris.	of Brazoria.
O'Banion.	Williams
O'Brien.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Upchurch.

Mr. Fisher moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of the bill, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 360 before the House, and it was read third time.

Mr. Dodd offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 360 by striking out Sections 4 and 5.

Mr. Martin moved to table the amendment, and the motion to table prevailed.

Question recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Bagby.	Burton of Rusk.
Beason.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bedell.	Butler.
Blackmon.	Canales.
Blalock.	Carlock.
Bland.	Clark.
Bledsoe.	Davis of Dallas.
Boner.	Davis of Grimes.
Brown.	Davis
Bryant.	of Van Zandt.

Denton.	Peyton.
Dudley.	Pillow.
Fairchild.	Poage.
Fisher.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Robertson.
Florer.	Roemer.
Fly.	Sentell.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hartman.	Smith of Scurry.
Hill.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laas.	Spencer of Wise.
Laney.	Spradley.
Lange.	Swope.
Low	Templeton.
of Washington.	Terrell.
McComb.	Thomason
McFarland.	of Nacogdoches.
Martin.	Thompson
Meador.	of Hunt.
Mendell.	Thompson
Metcalfe.	of Red River.
Miller of Austin.	Tillotson.
Neeley.	Valentine.
Nichols.	Walker.
Nordhaus.	Wilson.
Parks.	Woodul.
Peddy.	Yantis.

Nays—23.

Beard of Milam.	Neill.
Beasley.	Reeves.
Bertram.	Richards.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dunnam.	Stewart.
Harris.	Tilson.
Holland.	Veatch.
McMillin.	Williford.
Monday.	Woods.
Murrell.	

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.

Absent.

Baker.	Morris.
Blackburn.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Cates.	Rogers.
De Bogory.	Sackett.
Estes.	Scholl.
Hawkins.	Sholars.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson.	Taylor.
Jones.	Thomas.
Lacey.	Thomason
Lanier.	of El Paso.
Lee.	Tinner.
Lindemann.	Trayler.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Wahrmund.
McDowra.	White.
Moore.	

Williams	Williams
of Brazoria.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Raiden.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Upchurch.

Mr. Blalock moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 811, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Trinity county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 749, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting the commissioners court of Donley county, Texas, to pay the members of said court the sum of \$4 per day while serving at the terms of said court."

H. B. No. 838, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Sheppard Independent School District in San Jacinto county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1903 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to render a certified plea of privilege prima facie proof of the right of the defendants to change of venue, and providing for procedure thereon."

H. B. No. 748, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Kelton Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 795, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Goldthwaite Independent School District in Mills county, Texas, including the town of Goldthwaite, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 791, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Newton Independent School District of Newton county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 757, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Sixty-fourth Judicial Dis-

trict of Texas; to validate all process, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, or to be rendered; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 802, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District, and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 560, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 2500 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 840, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Talpa Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 353 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 15, Chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, by adding thereto Article 1019a, defining the offense of negligent assault and battery, fixing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 353 by striking out of section 1, page 2, the part beginning with the word "driving," in line 2, down to and including the word "or" in line 4.

The amendment was adopted.

Question—Shall the bill be passed to a third reading?

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Sentell, the House, at 10:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 849, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 407, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 845, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 846, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 848, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it

back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 485, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 489, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 478, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 488, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 592, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report

it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 163, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 423, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Mines and Mining, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 490, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEARD of Milam, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 258, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 259, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 285, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 315, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MENDELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 326, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

NEILL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Private Cor-

porations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 195, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hartman has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 843, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 370, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 472, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 257, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 42, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tilson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 701, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 124 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its Regular Session and entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 7608, 7610 and 7618 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to taxation, providing for a maximum bond of tax collectors, fixing the time of filing by tax collectors of their report, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,' providing for a reduction in the amount of the bonds required under provisions of said Articles 7608 and 7610, and further providing that the premiums on such bonds may be paid by the county of which the principal therein is the tax collector, out of the general revenues of the county, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
YANTIS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 801, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the Regular Session of the

Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, and as amended by Senate bill No. 195, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 844, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-eighth and Sixty-third Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; and prescribe the time, and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of said judicial districts; and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed; to validate process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 843, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 115, page 446, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Zavala county or any political subdivision or other defined district to issue bonds, etc.,' by adding Section 15a thereto, providing for a salary and per diem for the members of the commissioners court of said county, while acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.